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MS PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): MAEDA, Takao

For: RARE-EARTH OXIDE THERMAL SPRAY COATED ARTICLES AND POWDERS

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	() sheet(s) formal drawings
\boxtimes	An assignment of the invention
	Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
	Applicant does not claim priority
\boxtimes	Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). 2002-211400 filed in JAPAN on July 19, 2002. Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto. Certified copy(ies) will follow.

	Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:				
	a. This nonprovisional application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) on Patent Application No(s). filed in on , which is(are) herein incorporated by reference				
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	Preliminary Amendment				
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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a), the applicant(s) hereby claim(s) the right of priority based on the following application(s):

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